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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister the date on which the meeting of the Bezwada municipality was held at which the budget estimates were adopted?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I must ask for notice."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the hon. the Minister is aware that not more than one week had elapsed between the receipt of the notice of Government and the passing of the budget estimates?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"When the order was issued the municipality actually rejected the budget; subsequently they passed it."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"Is the hon. the Minister proposing to supersede any other municipalities?"

Service record of Mr. B. Adiseshiah, Special Officer, Bezwada municipality.

* 133 *Q.*—Rai Sahib C. Kolanda Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mr. B. Adiseshiah, the Special Officer of Bezwada municipality, is only an acting tahsildar and a permanent clerk;

(*b*) why a Deputy Collector was not appointed as Special Officer of the Bezwada municipality; and

(*c*) whether he is functioning now both as receiver of Bobbili villages and as Special Officer of the Bezwada municipality?

A.—(*a*) No; he is a permanent Tahsildar.

(*b*) Because the finances of the municipality could not afford a special officer of the grade of Deputy Collector.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the Government have received any complaint from the residents of either Guntur or Kistna district making certain allegations against this officer while he was Tahsildar of the Guntur district?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I have no information."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister whether Mr. Adiseshiah is employed by the court as a Receiver of Bobbili villages or is he a private employee of the hon. the Raja of Bobbili?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"He was appointed by the District Court as a Receiver."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Is he then part-time servant so far as Bezwada municipality was concerned?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Does he therefore draw some remuneration as the Receiver of Bobbili villages?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"He was drawing remuneration for his work."

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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Does the hon. the Minister see the impropriety of appointing a person who was appointed as Receiver by the court for Bobbili villages, as Special Officer under his jurisdiction? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" This particular officer was selected by the Board of Revenue. At that time I was not aware of it."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Now that he is aware of it, will he withdraw that officer from the municipality? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" As long as there was the vacation, it was not possible to apply to the District Court to release this officer from the duties of Receiver. Soon after the opening of the Court another Receiver has been appointed and this officer no longer continues there."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" Could he take two remunerations from two departments? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I see no objection to it."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" Is it not necessary that the Government should permit him to receive separate remunerations? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" That is a separate remuneration as a Special Officer; he also draws remuneration for the office of Receiver."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON :—" What is the pay he receives as Special Officer? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" The usual pay drawn by Tahsildars in Government service plus special pay of Rs. 35."

Unauthorized expenditure on the Trichinopoly Water-works.

* 134 *Q.*—Mr. K. SINGAM AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report called for by the Government from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, in connexion with the unauthorized expenditure made in the water-works has been received; if so, when and what further action has been taken;

(*b*) whether the Sanitary Engineer inspected the water-works; if so, when and what the result is of his inspection and report on the matter; and

(*c*) whether the Collector, Trichinopoly, made a report regarding the interpolation by the Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichinopoly, in the minutes book; if so, when and what the orders of the Government are on the same?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Chairman's report was received on the 28th March 1933 and it was referred to the Sanitary Engineer on the 11th April 1933. The Sanitary Engineer inspected the works from the 26th to the 29th April 1933. His report has since been received and it is now under the consideration of the Government.